



Mrauk-U (Myohaung), Rakhine (Arakan), Myanmar (Burma)  
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## SOME FIGURES

- \* 246 temples, of which 214 are made of stone- many are ruined.
- \* 267 stupas, of which 198 are stone (others are brick)
- \* 13 "pitakat-taik", or basket-buildings, named for the "pitaka", the "three baskets" of the Buddhist scriptures. Also called "libraries".
- \* More than 140 stone Buddha images (or groups of images) recovered by local devotees and left in the open or covered with shelters.
- \* Hundreds more mounds or archaeological features are yet to be analysed.
- \* 5 sq km enclosed by stone walls and sidecut hills. The sidecuttings form steep escarpments with a trench at the base and often stone or brick fortifications at the top. The city is surrounded by fortifications, built in the 16th century, when there was a threat of invasion by neighbouring kingdoms. However Mrauk-U (or Arrakan) was so successful that it mostly fought its battles a long way from home, and the city fortifications were probably never used in warfare.
- \* 40 sq kms of Buddhist monuments (plus possibly one or two Catholic churches and up to 3 mosques).
- \* 20 sq kms of earth banks for water control.
- \* More than 4000 mm of rain each year.